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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Prosecution filed on this date and in response to the Office Action of December 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner stated at Page 2 of the Office Action that some of the references were not considered since they were unavailable to the Examiner. Applicant will provide copies of those references that have been crossed out on the Form 1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on the filing date of the application, December 21, 1999.